

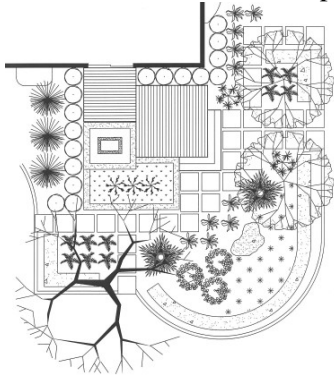
# **Low-Maintenance Landscaping Competition 2005** **Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District**

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## **Contest Objectives**

The competition seeks to improve air quality in the Kentuckiana region by promoting the use of low-maintenance landscaping designs. Using a grant awarded to the Air Pollution Control District by the U.S. EPA, these designs require little or no use of high polluting, gasoline powered lawn care equipment, reduced water consumption and fewer chemical applications.

All winning design entries will be made available at no charge for public use across the county. Additional details and an application form are available online at the District's website: [www.apcd.org](http://www.apcd.org).



## **Eligibility Requirements**

- All residents of Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble counties in Kentucky, and the counties of Clark and Floyd in Indiana.
- Amateur gardeners and landscaping professionals are encouraged to participate.

## **Competition Timeline**

- All applications and designs must be submitted to the District not later than 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2005.
- Entries are accepted at the Air Pollution Control District office during regular business hours (8:00A.M. – 5:00P.M.) Monday - Friday. The District's office is located in Louisville at 850 Barret Avenue • 502-574-6712.
- Competition winners will be announced at a special community awards event on August 15, 2005.
- The winning landscape designs that have been implemented will be featured on two landscaping tours to be scheduled for spring and summer, 2006. Dates will be announced on the website, [www.apcd.org](http://www.apcd.org), and in *The Courier-Journal*.

## **Eligible Design Categories**

Sunny Lot	Shady Lot	Partial Sun /Partial Shade	Homeowner Designed
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## **Prizes & Awards in Each Category**

- First Prize - \$1,000
- Second Prize - \$500
- \$1,500 Stipend for implementation of top four designs
- Best of Show – Design to be featured in commemorative poster.

## **Project Design Specifications**

- All entries must be designed for a residential lot, or portion of lot not to exceed 12,000 square feet.
- A minimum of 50 percent of all plants must be native to the nine-county region.
- Estimated (retail) expense of plants and other materials are not to exceed \$1,800.



## Application & Submission Specifications

- All designs must be mounted on one side of a poster board or foam core no larger than 24"x36". Applicant's contact information must be included on the back of the entry (Name, Address, Phone, E-mail).
- All narratives (MS Word) and electronic representations of the design (jpg, pdf, or AutoCAD formats) shall be submitted on 3.5" floppy disk or compact disc and attached to the back of the poster.
- A drawing of the property outlining buildings and clearly marking landscaping plants. A numbering system to identify plants may be used and a key may be placed on the drawing.
- A narrative describing the project, property, and hardiness or zone appropriateness of the plants.
- Designs shall include a listing of all plants by their botanical<sup>1</sup> and common names. Additionally, the names of two (2) alternative plants for every plant listed shall be included to aid in replication of the design.<sup>2</sup>
- A narrative describing and identifying the history and topographical properties of the lot (i.e., flat, slopes, orientation to sun, new lot, established lot, and existing landscaping, etc.)
- The use of exotic or invasive plants is prohibited (Visit: [www.se-eppc.org](http://www.se-eppc.org)).
- A narrative describing and examining the soil history, pH level, physical and mineral characteristics as well as the quantity and method of soil augmentation to prepare for planting.
- A narrative describing how the design will reduce the use of gasoline powered equipment and reduce water consumption. Also, include an estimate of the quantity of water required for 21 consecutive days without rainfall. An estimate of hours per week for maintenance.
- Include an estimated budget for implementing the design (e.g., plants, soil amendments, grading, tilling, other, etc.)

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<sup>1</sup> In the Homeowner Division, listing of botanical names is optional.

<sup>2</sup> In the Homeowner Division, only one alternative plant for every plant listed must be included.

